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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted, dated October 4, 2001, attached is a copy of the Notice and a properly executed Declaration for Patent Application along with the drawings. Please charge the \$130.00 fee and any deficiency thereof to Deposit Account 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

December 12, 2001

Respectivity requested

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment.

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith are substitute drawings for Figures 1-4 (2 sheets) in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully submits that there are no changes to the enclosed drawings, and that the enclosed drawings are being submitted to overcome the objections in the Notice to File Missing Parts.

In the event that there is a charge associated with review and approval of this drawing, the Commissioner is authorized to debit our deposit account number 04-0500.

December 12, 2001

Respectfully requested

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Jeffery E. Bacon – Attorney for Applicant(s